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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 9825 ACTION STATE INFO TEL AVIV APR 1.

QUOTE E C R E T CAIRO 09825

EXDIS (DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS)

FOR ATHERTON AND SAUNDERS FROM EILTS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR EG IS US

SUBJECT: CURRENT ISRAELI MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN

REF: (A) STATE 81926, (B) TEL AVIV 4323

1. I UNDERSTAND OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO GET INTO A PUBLIC  
SLUGGING MATCH WITH ISRAELIS ON THEIR CURRENT EFFORTS TO  
DISTORT AND MISREPRESENT U.S. INTENTIONS AND POLICIES  
AND AGREE THAT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE A QUIET APPROACH BY  
SAM LEWIS OUGHT TO BE TRIED TO STRAIGHTEN OUT OFFICIALS  
SUCH AS YADIN AND DAYAN. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT WOULD BE TO  
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TRY TO STOP SUCH SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIALS FROM ENGAGING IN  
SUCH PUBLIC DISTORTIONS, BUT AM UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT  
THIS IS LIKELY TO BE POSSIBLE.

2. IF SUCH QUIET APPROACHES FAIL, AS I THINK THEY WILL,  
I HOPE WE WILL THEN NOT HESITATE TO GO PUBLIC OURSELVES IN  
REFUTING DISTORTIONS IF ISRAELIS CANNOT BE PREVAILED UPON

TO DESIST. I AM VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT AFTER  
ABORTIVE MARCH 1976 TALKS, WE FAILED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE  
ACTION TO COUNTER PUBLIC ISRAELI DISTORTIONS OF WHAT TOOK  
PLACE AT THAT TIME. RESULT WAS THAT BEFORE LONG ISRAELI  
ACCOUNTS DOMINATED NEWS PICTURE AND TOTALLY BECLOUDED WHAT  
HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED. IT SEEMS TO ME ISRAELIS ARE NOW  
ENGAGED IN MOUNTING A SIMILAR EFFORT AND I WOULD HOPE THAT  
WE WILL NOT THROUGH SILENCE OR HESITATION GIVE THEM ANOTHER  
FREE SUCCESS AS WE DID LAST TIME.

3. STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT CARTER, THE SECRETARY AND  
OTHER DEPT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL, BUT THE PUBLIC  
RECORD SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CORRECTED AS NEEDED. EIEILTS  
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